



## Proposed Plan Comments Are Now Under Review

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### EPA Website

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### NewsBriefs Submissions

Contact Pamela Moore at 206-438-2236 with any comments, suggestions or submissions.

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## Documents / Information Recently Added To The Information Repositories

There have been no new additions to the Information Repositories in the past month.

### Public Comment On The Proposed Plan Exceeds 1,300 Contributions

EPA received 1,318 comments on the Proposed Plan from individuals, agencies and organizations. The comments include letters, email, public testimony, postcards and newspaper questionnaires. This is a significant response and we thank all for participating in the process.

The original comments will be included in the Administrative Record. Copies of all the comments will be sent to the North Idaho College Library in Coeur d'Alene.

## Questions & Answers

Each month in NewsBriefs we will answer some of the questions we've heard over the last month.

**Q.** How will EPA respond to the comments on the Propose Plan?

**A.** The Responsiveness Summary, issued with the Record of Decision (ROD), will include a list of all parties who submitted comments. Identical or similar comments will be given one response, with the number of people submitting that comment noted. When the ROD is issued later this year, commenters who included their street or email address will receive a postcard or email with information on where they can review the Responsiveness Summary and ROD.

**Q.** When the Record of Decision comes out, will it define the extent of the Superfund Site?

**A.** No.

The Record of Decision (ROD) will describe EPA's plan for cleanup of mining contamination in the Basin. The extent of the Superfund site is determined by where mining contamination is located, not by the actions outlined in the ROD.

Some people may believe that if no ROD is issued for the Basin, this will prevent the "expansion" of the Superfund site. This is not true.

The parts of the Basin that contain mining contamination are already considered part of the Superfund site and the parts of the Basin without contamination are not part of the site.

Issuing or not issuing the Record of Decision will not affect the definition of the site. EPA's goal is to issue the ROD later this year and begin cleanup in the Basin so that areas can be cleaned up and removed from the Superfund site.

**Q.** What is the status of the Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) for the Basin?

**A.** The Coeur d'Alene Area, Wallace, Kellogg, Harrison and Spokane Regional Chambers of Commerce jointly submitted an application for a TAG. EPA reviewed the application and sent comments on the application package to the joint chambers of commerce. EPA is now working with the chambers to determine whether the group meets the eligibility requirements and other criteria detailed in the TAG regulations.

## **Other Agency / Entity Contacts and Highlights**

### **Bureau of Land Management**

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### **Coeur d'Alene Tribe**

Contact: Phillip Cerner, 208-667-4119

### **Panhandle Health District**

Contact: Jerry Cobb, 208-783-0707

### **Private Land Owners / Managers**

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The Coeur d'Alene Lake is three feet below summer level. Spokane River is flowing high. There is 17 feet of snow on Lookout Mountain and Silverhorn Mountain. The ground is saturated and the likelihood of a spring flood is very high. The good news is that vegetation is strong throughout the valley with sod-forming grasses or trees. For this reason a spring flood should not result in excessive scouring and there should not be a lot of metals in the mud.

### **Spokane Tribe**

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### **State of Idaho Department of Environmental Quality**

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### **United States Forest Service**

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### **United States Geological Survey**

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## **Upcoming Events**

### **Coeur d'Alene Basin Citizen Advisory Committee (CBCAC)**

**April 3, 2002** – 7 to 9 p.m.

Rose Lake Historical Society Building – Rose Lake, ID

Agenda: Updates on South Fork Coeur d'Alene River Sediment TMDL Comments and Responses; CAC – What Is In Its Future In Light of New Laws, New Organizations and the Sunset of Old Laws, Organizations and MOAs – CAC History and Roots presented by Geoff Harvey, New Laws and Players presented by Luke Russell; Lake Management Plan Summary Report – CAC Conclusions; group discussion of CAC's future.

Please see CBCAC's website at [www.cdabcac.org](http://www.cdabcac.org) for meeting agendas, past meeting minutes, posted reports, readings and other valuable information.

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### **Coeur d'Alene Basin Interagency Group (CBIG)**

**May 8, 2002** – 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Idaho Department of Fish & Game – Kathleen Ave., Coeur d'Alene

Agenda: Waterfowl Feeding Study and Soil Chemistry presented by Nick Zilka, ID DEQ, and Dan Audet, US FWS; Update on EPA's Work on the Bunker Hill Superfund Site by Cami Grandinetti, EPA.

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### **Washington Citizens Advisory Committee (WCAC)**

**April 25, 2002** – Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m., General Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Corbin Senior Activity Center – 827 West Cleveland Ave., Spokane

Agenda: Spokane Valley – Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer and Hydraulic Interchange Between the Spokane River.

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### **Shoshone Natural Resources Coalition (SNRC)**

**April 9, 2002** – 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

**April 23, 2002** – 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Brooks Hotel - 500 Cedar Street, Wallace, ID

(Group meets second and fourth Tuesday of each month.)

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